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Although the trade of NATO countries with China has been small, it continues to grow slowly in the case of most NATO countries, and it is important to China.

During the 1984-87 period (see Table I), the combined imports of all NATO countries from China, as a percentage of the NATO members' total imports, rose from 0.6 percent in 1984 to 0.7 percent in 1985 and 1986 and 0.9 percent in 1987. Exports rose from 0.8 percent in 1984 to 1.1 percent in 1985, but dropped to 0.9 percent in 1986 and 0.8 percent in 1987.

Imports of the European NATO countries remained unchanged at 0.4 percent in 1984 and 1985 and then rose to 0.5 percent in 1986 and 0.6 percent in 1987. Their exports to China, as a percentage of their total exports, increased from 0.5 percent in 1984 to 0.8 percent in 1985 and 1986 and then declined to 0.7 percent in 1987.

Table II shows imports and exports by individual countries. Between 1984 and 1987 only seven of the European NATO countries imported in any year from China more than 0.4 of a percentage

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TABLE 1

TRADE OF NATO WITH CHINA, 1984-87
(in millions of dollars)

Country/Area	1984			1985			1986			1987		
	Total from entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade
<u>Imports (c.i.f.)</u>												
European NATO	653,278.6	2,661.0	0.4	683,404.6	3,048.7	0.4	802,736.9	4,221.8	0.5	979,317.9	6,161.7	0.6
Canada (f.o.b.)	74,003.9	257.5	0.3	76,859.5	295.6	0.4	81,313.7	407.8	0.5	87,583.2	582.0	0.7
US (f.o.b.)	325,725.6	3,064.8	0.9	345,276.0	3,861.6	1.1	369,561.2	4,771.2	1.3	405,900.0	6,294.0	1.6
Total NATO	1,053,008.1	5,983.3	0.6	1,105,540.1	7,205.9	0.7	1,254,011.8	9,400.8	0.7	1,472,801.1	13,037.7	0.9
<u>Exports (f.o.b.)</u>												
European NATO	627,535.4	3,055.4	0.5	665,575.5	5,591.4	0.8	806,813.7	6,576.0	0.8	971,213.7	6,545.0	0.7
Canada	86,862.4	987.2	1.1	87,355.4	936.1	1.1	86,663.2	795.6	0.9	94,394.4	1,086.0	1.2
US	217,887.6	3,004.8	1.4	213,146.4	3,855.6	1.8	217,304.4	3,106.8	1.4	252,866.4	3,496.8	1.4
Total NATO	932,285.4	7,047.4	0.8	966,077.3	10,383.1	1.1	1,110,781.3	10,478.4	0.9	1,318,474.5	11,127.8	0.8

TABLE II

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1984-87
(in millions of dollars, c.i.f.)

Country/Area	Value			Percent of Total Imports		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
A. Imports						
Belgium-Luxembourg	111.2*	128.4	211.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Denmark	102.0	112.8	194.3	0.6	0.6	0.9
France	438.0	495.6	708.0	0.4	0.5	0.5
FRG	850.8	871.2	1,250.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Greece	22.4	22.2	26.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
Iceland	1.6	1.7	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Italy	434.4	586.8	681.6	0.5	0.6	0.7
Netherlands	167.2	189.5	267.8	0.3	0.3	0.4
Norway	30.6	33.4	52.9	0.2	0.2	0.3
Portugal	8.3	9.6	15.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Spain	114.2	133.2	239.2	0.4	0.4	0.7
Turkey	8.3	64.7	93.8	0.1	0.6	0.8
UK	372.0	399.6	478.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total European NATO	2,661.0	3,048.7	4,221.8	0.4	0.4	0.5
Canada (f.o.b.)	257.5	295.6	407.8	0.3	0.4	0.5
US (f.o.b.)	3,064.8	3,861.6	4,771.2	0.9	1.1	1.3
Total NATO	5,983.3	7,205.9	9,400.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
			13,037.7			0.9

TABLE II (cont'd)

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1984-87
(in millions of dollars, f.o.b.)

Country/Area	Value				Percent of Total Exports			
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1984	1985	1986	1987
B. Exports								
Belgium-Luxembourg								
Denmark	242.9	267.6	359.8	271.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
France	73.0	100.9	129.7	184.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
FRG	312.0	777.6	667.2	849.6	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.6
	1,038.0	2,230.8	2,863.2	2,796.0	0.6	1.2	1.2	0.9
Greece	26.2	46.9	29.0	21.1	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.3
Iceland	-	-	insig	0.2	-	-	insig	insig
Italy	450.0	789.6	1,002.0	1,086.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.9
Netherlands	168.2	246.2	209.0	181.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Norway	78.8	93.1	66.6	81.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Portugal	14.8	13.2	23.2	21.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Spain	187.6	478.4	319.7	267.5	0.8	2.0	1.2	0.8
Turkey	40.3	33.5	120.6	103.7	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.0
UK	423.6	513.6	786.0	680.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5
Total European NATO	3,055.4	5,591.4	6,576.0	6,545.0	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.7
Canada								
	987.2	936.1	795.6	1,086.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2
US	3,004.8	3,855.6	3,106.8	3,495.8	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.4
Total NATO	7,047.4	10,383.1	10,478.4	11,127.8	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.8